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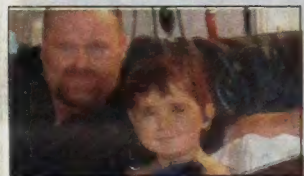
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"We just hired [the trapper] to look after a problem and he has that business and I don't know what he does with [the cats]."

Minden Hills Reeve
Jim McMahon,
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Where have all the feral cats gone?

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

No one will say what happened to Minden's stray cats that were captured on behalf of the township

last summer and in the fall of 2007.

Although the feral cat problem persists in downtown dumpsters, it was much worse last year before

council agreed to have someone fix the problem.

But what that fix was, no one is willing or able to admit.

"Basically, the situation with the

cats at this point is we're not giving out any further information," said Ken Jones, chief building official.

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The Minden Times is the best of its class in Ontario.

The Times was awarded top honours at the Ontario Community Newspapers Association annual awards dinner in Toronto on Saturday night.

The judges chose the Times as the best weekly newspaper in Ontario with a circulation of 2,000 to 3,500. "Excellent overall paper, very consistent, excellent photography, production and layout. Solid sports, community news, Op Ed, community news and features," the judges said.

"Minden can be proud of its paper," says editor Martha Perkins. "This is a very vibrant community and the newspaper's staff works hard to reflect that in the paper's pages. Reporter Jenn Watt, advertising salesperson Molly McInerney and office manager Joanne Bancroft are part of a team that cares deeply about the community and the paper. Of course, we also want to

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Greg Hockstra/TIMES

Take that!

Students in Mrs. Hagerman's Grade 4 class got a taste of what life was like in the middle ages during a medieval feast at Archie Stouffer Elementary School last Wednesday. Above, Robbie Orlowski (left) and Bradley Fraser (right) strap on their shining armour and duel while their classmates cheer them on. For more photos from the feast see page 16.

County's poverty problem has no easy fix

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

This is the final article in a series on poverty in the Highlands.

Poverty is not yet a solvable dilemma. Because it is the consequence of so many factors – family income, social services, available employment, education, housing,

support networks – there is no one way to fix Haliburton County's poverty.

A large piece comes from being rural. There isn't the available infrastructure to entice new families to move here, and there aren't resources to keep professionals from leaving. There is also no transportation system to help people to and from work, or the store, or to

school. There is a dire need for affordable housing.

For those who stay, the employment landscape is a challenge. Jobs for those with postsecondary degrees are scarce. There are well-paying jobs for skilled labour, but mostly in the summer. Resorts are also big employers, but again, only seasonally.

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This Earth Day will mark the official opening of RD Lawrence Place. As director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Dianne Graham had a lot to do with making the project happen. She was feted at a retirement lunch on Friday.

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Dianne Graham says goodbye to cultural centre

SEEN & HEARD

Jenn Watt

Dianne Graham said her goodbyes on Friday, her last day as the director of the Minden Cultural Centre.

"I certainly have mixed feelings. This has been a dream position," Graham said before attending the low-key staff potluck lunch in her honour.

"I know Daniela [Pagliaro] will do a marvellous job. It's just a wonderful place to be," she said.

Graham worked at the centre for four years, left for two and then returned again after the addition to the building was made to be director for three years. She said that the growth she has seen at the centre in her time

Has been "unbelievable" and envisions the Cultural Centre on the provincial – if not national – stage in the years to come.

Leaving the position to spend more time with her family, Graham said she would stay involved in the community and in the centre for the years to come and will be around for the next month helping out, especially with the launch of R.D. Lawrence Place on April 22.

Graham said that while she's sad to go, "we have a superb staff who are passionate about the future of the Cultural Centre" and she embraces her retirement as a new adventure.

Money for Riverwalk

The Minden Hills Riverwalk collaborative will receive \$40,000 over one year to support the installation of a footbridge across the Gull River. This will provide access to trails and promote physical activity for Minden residents and visitors. The money comes from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Former warden passes away

Mac McGillivray, who was a fixture in local politics for many years, passed away on Tuesday, April 8. As reeve of Cardiff township, he also served as county warden for two terms, first in 1972 and then in 1980. He was 95 years old.

Funeral arrangements are being arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home in Minden. The service will likely be in Cardiff. Details are not yet available but will be listed at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com.

There's an obituary on www.haliburtonecho.ca.

Dance honours memory of Teresa Kasepchuk and raises money for her family

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

Nearly one month after Teresa Kasepchuk's life was cut short in a tragic car accident, friends are honouring her memory with a benefit dance in Minden.

The event is set to take place Friday, April 18 at the Minden Community Centre, with all proceeds being funneled back in to a memorial fund that has been set up to help the Kasepchuk family cope with funeral costs.



Twenty-six-year-old Teresa Kasepchuk of Minden was killed in a car accident near Schomberg on March 12.

The evening will feature a raffle, door prizes, a light buffet, and live entertainment by the band End of Silence. The dance runs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and after-hours cab service will be provided by Minden Taxi.

Tickets are on sale now at a price of \$7. They are available at a variety of locations, including Dollo's IGA, Valumart, Dixie Lee, McMahon Feed, Todd's Independent, Haliburton Foodland, Henwood's Variety, Haliburton Jug City, and the West Guilford Store. Tickets will also

be sold at the door for \$10.

Amanda Bacon, one of the event's organizers, says the event's purpose is two-fold. Not only will it serve as a way to raise money for the family, but it will also give Teresa's friends one last chance to laugh and celebrate together in her memory.

"Teresa was a really good friend and she was an awesome person. She deserves it, and her family deserves the help. They're great people," says Bacon.

Those who can't make it out to the dance can still support the Kasepchuk family by making a donation to the Teresa Kasepchuk Memorial Fund. Deposits can be made at the nearest CIBC, the branch number is 01542 and the account number is 75-67731.

Inquiries can also be e-mailed to kasepchukdonations@hotmail.com.

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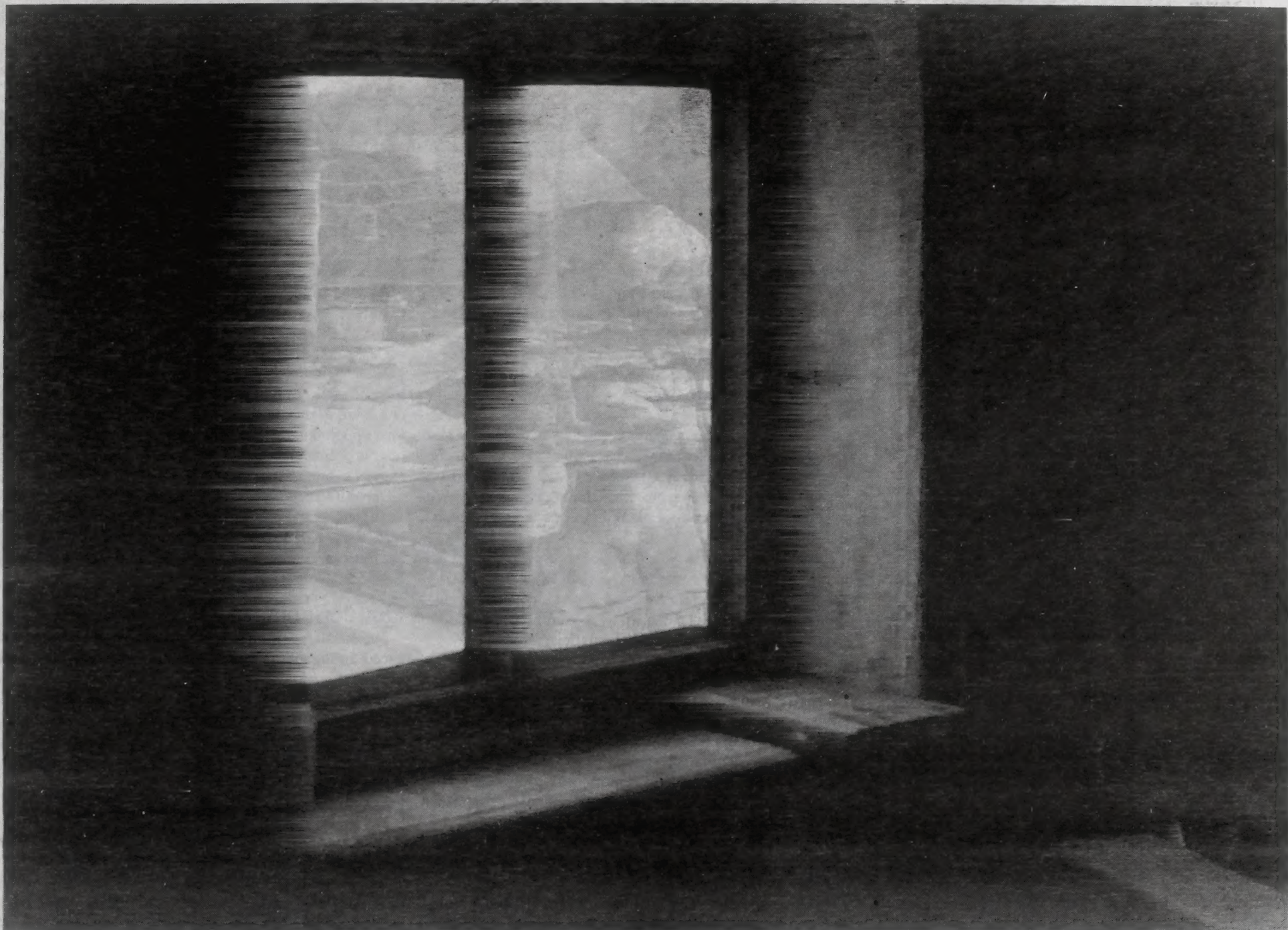
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A Bible sits on the sill of the window of the Dominion Hotel – the same window where people have seen a ghost hover.

Ghost checks into Dominion Hotel

Some people think she's a teenager who died in childbirth, waiting for her boyfriend to return

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The Dominion Hotel may not be open to the public but there is one visitor who refuses to leave despite the ongoing renovations.

An unnamed ghost who occupies the attic has been seen peering at the river from the top floor window by pedestrians below, and has been heard by the building's owner Shawn Chamberlin.

"I'd been warned about her, although I don't believe in ghosts. I thought people were trying to scare me out of town," Chamberlin said.

"Loggers used to live there, so folklore develops in those situations," he said.

But soon after buying the 150-year-old landmark more than four years ago he began to notice strange things happening. Doors would slam, footsteps could be heard, but when he went to investigate, no one would be there.

The attic, Chamberlin explained, was once used by loggers who would pile into the large, triangular space under the peaked roof. With the loggers came the women and he thinks that one of those women is now the ghost.

"One of the girls living upstairs died in childbirth as a teenager ... Maybe she's waiting for her boyfriend to come back," he said.

Renovations of the hotel have uncovered more than just ghostly tapping and footsteps. They've also found musket balls, spent gun shells and names and dates scratched into the walls dating back into the early 1900s.

The attic is no longer used for accommodations but Chamberlin has left a Bible at the window for the young woman, just in case.

The Dominion Hotel was built in 1865 and is the oldest standing building in Haliburton County. It was one of five hotels owned by the same entrepreneur who tried to capitalize on travellers by building the accommodations one day's horse ride apart. Today, the Dominion is the only one left.

This winter, Chamberlin began renovations on the building to create what he calls a "destination inn" with specific programming, comfortable suites, and special weekend themes. Although the sign outside says it's opening "before Canadian Tire," Chamberlin expects the doors to open in a little more than a month at which point the ghost will have to learn to share.

NO FURTHER THAN OUR OWN BACKYARD

The final installment in a five-part series on poverty in the county

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But it is not all gloomy in the Highlands. There are examples of how anti-poverty strategies can work, right in our own community. There are also inspirational stories from nearby.

Our neighbours

Although no two places are totally the same, there are lessons to be learned from how our neighbours are addressing some of the obstacles to ending poverty.

In Renfrew County, Lyn Smith co-ordinates the Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network, founded in 2000 after the release of a report on the state of child welfare. The network is composed of community organizations that have a stake in improving the lives of children living in poverty.

Like Haliburton, seasonal, low-paying employment is prevalent in the geographically vast and rural Renfrew County, located between Ottawa and Haliburton.

Smith says that while her group works to educate on the large issues that create poverty like poor wages and education, it tries to minimize the impact that poverty has on children.

"We do practical assistance programs. We actually help people that need it now, but we also spend a great deal of time educating people about what poverty is and what it feels like to live in poverty," she says.

CPAN runs a backpack program that supplies children with all of the essentials for school and at least one pair of new shoes. This year they gave out over 1,000. It also does a snowsuit program and gives money to families for children's extracurricular activities. It runs training programs on poverty reduction and advocates for better social assistance at the provincial level. A large part of its work is educational.

"Some people have this idea that you wake up in the morning and say, 'I'm going to have six kids and not do a thing to support myself, and I'm going worry about food for my kids, and my house being repossessed, and the heat being cut off, and people knocking on my door, and creditors phoning me up and having my kids be looked down upon.' I don't know why anybody wants to go through all that crap day after day, you know what I mean?" she says.

CPAN runs purely on grant funding and donations.

A similar effort is happening in Peterborough where, 30 years ago, concerned community groups and citizens came together to form the Peterborough Social Planning Council.

"To have a truly healthy community we must remove the barriers to full inclusion and involvement in our society," says its website.

The council does non-partisan research into social issues

including affordable housing, poverty and violence for the city of Peterborough. It has a small staff and is funded by the United Way, the city of Peterborough, the county and Human Resource Skills Development Canada. "We create a Peterborough profile every four years. The next will be at the end of this year. In addition to that, we're involved with the United Way Peterborough social plan," says co-ordinator Brenda Dales.

The social planning website is packed with reports and community groups the council has participated in over the years. "When the mayor's taskforce was established on poverty reduction ... we provided the documentation. We came up with the recommendations for the action committee," she says.

The council, over the years, helped to organized over 10 new programs for the community, including a food-share, an affordable housing committee, and a youth council, among others and continues to facilitate community action like open forums, debates and research on social issues.

Our own backyard

A little known program called the Rural Victims Transportation Network has been running in Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton for a year and a half. Its mandate is to provide transportation for victims of abuse and violence – for youth, men, women and seniors – to counselling sessions, legal appointments, trips to look for housing, to hospitals in Orillia and Peterborough.

"This is actually a pilot project. Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes are the only two areas in all of Ontario," says program co-ordinator Liza Hancock.

Hancock says that after a survey of agencies and women who had been through violence, it was decided that transportation was the biggest gap to getting help.

For those living in poverty, or without access to a vehicle for another reason, getting out of dangerous situations is even harder than for those with cars. The usage of the transportation network signals just how important it is.

Between July 1, 2007 and February 1, 2008, the network, made up of just 15 volunteers, made 180 trips over 22,000 kilometres. "It's amazing because that's when the program wasn't very well-known and it just keeps getting busier and busier," she says of the numbers.

"If you're in a bad relationship and you live in Haliburton County, it's the only county without a shelter in all of Ontario," Hancock says.

In addition, if you've been sexually assaulted and need a forensic test, you also can't get it done in the county so the transportation network will drive you to Orillia or

Peterborough.

Funding from the Ontario Victims Services Secretariat for the transportation network runs out at the end of June and Hancock is hoping to find a government or corporate sponsor to keep the program functional.

"Transportation is an issue for everybody. Getting youth to job interviews in Lindsay or Peterborough or to get to sports or leisure events. For seniors to get to shopping and to doctors' appointments. Transportation is a huge issue for everyone, especially everyone who is poor and working class," Hancock says. "Specifically for survivors [of abuse] it can be the difference between life or death."

As long as the program is running, those who are dealing with abuse can arrange for rides from trained volunteers in Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes by calling Liza Hancock at 705-328-4843.

Our community

The senate committee interim report that has been referenced throughout this series, called Understanding Freefall, identified some potential tools in the fight against poverty. One that was praised by nearly all who reported to the committee was the Community Futures Development Corporation network, of which the Haliburton County Development Corporation is one. (The senate committee on rural poverty will be delivering its final report later this year.)

Jim Blake, community economic development co-ordinator, describes HCDC as a group that assists both the community and the economy develop at the same time.

"For the community to thrive, to be able to attract people, be a place where people want to stay, where people want to live, where people want to retire, it has to have good infrastructure, it has to have good social services, it needs to have the opportunities for healthy active living, it needs engaged citizens and volunteer leadership. It needs a whole variety of things for it to be a healthy community," Blake says. "It's really working with the different organizations in the community and really helping to and working at building a vibrant community."

HCDC was created by the federal government to stir up rural economies, but unlike most top-heavy government programs, this one placed all of the power (and money) at the local level. That's what Blake says makes it successful.

"One of the reasons the program works so well is that instead of the program being run from an office in the federal government ... each [one] is a separate organization with a local board of directors and staff," he says.

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Fay Martin scopes out the Minden real-estate market last week. Her organization, Places for People, wants to buy and fix up a house for affordable housing.

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Because it is run by local people, it can respond to local needs, Blake says.

HCDC funds small businesses with loans as well as funding community projects. The portion came from an initial grant 20 years ago from the federal government for \$1 million. Interest from the loans feeds that pot of money, which has grown to about \$10 million. The money they give to businesses goes to a wide range of things.

"It could be to help someone buy a vehicle, to help with a mortgage, to help with cash flow or to help with consolidating credit," he says.

On the other side, HCDC funds projects like the Riverwalk that promote healthy, active communities.

"One of the things is if you have people who are active and who are healthy then you're going to have a better workforce, you're not using the health system, people feel better about themselves. The more that you make those opportunities accessible to people the healthier people will be," Blake says.

Following a similar train of logic, Fay Martin spearheaded a Haliburton County branch of the successful Orillia group Places for People in December 2006.

Inspired by the holistic approach of the not-for-profit corporation, Martin and a handful of concerned residents began piec-

ing together a local version.

The concept is simple: buy a rundown house, fix it up and rent it for cheap to those who need it most.

Throw in an investment fund for the tenants fed by a small part of the rent they pay, insert support systems to help them get through their other issues and you have the makings of a promising anti-poverty project.

"As the problem gets bigger everyone says there's so much to do I just don't know where to start," says Martin of poverty in Haliburton.

"So we decided well, let's just start, damn it. ... We won't solve the problem, but hopefully we'll demonstrate that it can be solved, because that's leading to optimism that it can be solved ... It will benefit people one at a time," she said at the Minden community forum on Wednesday night.

And there's good reason to think she's right. Places for People Orillia started up only six years ago and is already looking to buy a second house. It has had more than \$77,000 in donations and has made \$105,000 worth of improvements to its first house.

"There are three reasons we thought this was a really good model. One was that it served the underserved in our community. Second, it strengthened the community by allowing the community a chance to help those who are most vulnerable among us.

Third, it improves our streetscape. And if you look around, we could stand some sprucing up. There are parts of our community that look pretty bedraggled and there are buildings that people live in that are not the quality that they should be. They don't look good and they don't live well," says Martin.

Like CPAN in Renfrew County, Places for People takes a multifaceted approach that both deals with the immediate needs of housing, while addressing the longer-term issues such as savings, employment and social services.

"[In Orillia,] they are now financially able to buy their next house. They can afford to do it just by leveraging the increase in the value of the house. So that's one reason why I'm very optimistic it can happen here," says Martin.

"Although we aren't as rich a community as Orillia, we do have a very, very generous community. We have a community that would love nothing better than to roll up its sleeves," she says.

Concerned with the fact that most poor people don't own cars and transportation, Places for People is looking for a house in one of the more urban centres – Minden, Haliburton or Wilberforce – so tenants can walk to schools, stores and medical facilities. Since real estate is cheaper in Minden, Martin guesses that is where the first house

will be.

Putting it together

The anti-poverty movement could learn a lot from the environmentalists, says Renfrew's Lyn Smith. Creating a powerful, loud voice to pressure politicians to fund more affordable housing, better assistance programs and a livable wage would get a lot done.

"I'm hoping that one day everyone says, 'Wow, we could have so much power here. We could be the biggest squeaky wheel, like the environmentalists,'" she says.

"A lot of us poverty organizations are like little cogs working independently: some are bigger than others, some work more efficiently and some don't, but you know if we all connected up, imagine the machine we could make," she says.

Already Haliburton is stirring with the same sentiment. Anti-poverty groups gathered at a U-Links breakfast about a month ago and determined that some sort of planning council – perhaps not as elaborate as the one in Peterborough – would be perfect for uniting the voices across the county.

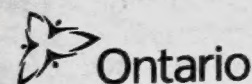
"I think that's the biggest thing is having the community invested in making solutions. We shouldn't be putting the blame on anyone or anything, but we should be working toward a solution," Smith says.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Cat got your tongue?

IT IS STRANGE that today, in a world where everyone is concerned with the impact of his actions on the environment, on overseas labour, on the economy, that our local councillors would not wonder what happened to the dozens of local cats being removed from the downtown core during the past year.

Every single Minden councillor questioned on the cats' fates either pled ignorance (McMahon, Murdoch, Obee, Oyler, Ratcliff), declined comment (Schell), or could not be reached (Reid). Not one knew what their instructions in a February 2007 meeting led to.

Similarly, businesses that first complained about the cats wouldn't comment on what happened to the cats and neither would the man who did the trapping. He said that the township knew all of the details and was best able to comment.

But the township won't comment either.

Feral cats have been a problem in Minden for a long time and downtown businesses have been searching for an appropriate response. The cats congregate around garbage dumpsters, make a mess, urinate on property and look bad: a real dilemma for any storeowner in town. Storeowners have tried calling the SPCA but keep getting told to go to the municipality. Ultimately, whatever the municipality chooses to do is what gets done.

The public's representatives on this issue – the councillors – should have either had the foresight to question where the cats were going after being trapped or should at least be curious enough today to investigate.

Instead, they'd rather not know.

According to feral cat websites, there are two common ways of dealing with public cat problems. There's the trap-kill method and the trap-neuter-return method. Council already nixed the second option, which makes one wonder whether the strays were killed. If they were, shouldn't council be aware of that and debate that result openly? Is that really the best method of dealing with stray animals in town?

The argument has been made that the town was simply buying a service from an independent businessman to get rid of the problem and that it is not in their purview to follow what happens to the problem after it has left town boundaries. That may have been an acceptable answer years ago when little attention was paid to the consequences of one's consumer choices were made but by now we should know better.

During the past decade, more and more governments, businesses and independent consumers have tracked the path of their market choices, implementing sweatshop free policies, buying eco-friendly products and shopping locally. All of these actions show concern for the results of goods and services paid for.

So why was no one paying attention to what happened to these cats after their removal was paid for? And now that the question has been raised, why does no one care what the answer is?

Jenn Watt

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Message to feds: Read instructions before assembly

The following letter was first sent to the Hon. John Baird, federal minister of the environment

Dear Mr. Baird:

Our membership is confused by your recent decision to issue an interim license to the Trent Rapids Power Corporation. This license gives the Power Corporation the clearance to begin construction of a new eight-megawatt hydroelectric power generating station between Locks 22 and

23 in the Trent-Severn Waterway.

It is our understanding that you have not yet received the results of the Study on the Future of the TSW conducted by the TSW panel. May I remind you that hundreds of residents took the opportunity afforded by the public consultation process last year to provide meaningful input to the esteemed members of that panel. Within those submissions, considerable objection was expressed to the proposed Trent Rapids application because it represents yet

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

All about diaphragms

IN TURKEY CALLING, there are essentially three types of calls: slate, box, and diaphragm calls. Slate calls are straightforward – they work on the same theory as running your nails across a chalkboard, except instead of utilizing your nails, you use an acrylic peg to make turkey sounds. Similarly, a box call also depends on friction to make sounds – this time it is a chalked piece of wood rubbing against another chalked piece of wood that is part of a sound chamber.

A diaphragm call, on the other hand is a bit different. It is simply a piece of rubber held taut within a shaped frame and it is placed up on the roof of your mouth when you're ready to use it. Once there, you blow air over it to make a variety of turkey sounds.

I'm a big fan of diaphragms. And I don't mind saying that on many occasions they have saved the day for me. Because of this, I'm always praising them.

For instance, just the other day I was in a

crowded supermarket line up when I received a call on my cell phone from a young friend who was seeking advice on which type of turkey call to purchase. Since he already owned a number of slate calls, the debate centred on the other two types.

"Look," I said, "you use what you want, but my trusty diaphragm has never failed me."

The lady in line beside me must have been a turkey hunter because her ears immediately perked up.

Reluctant to leave it at that, my friend then asked about the mechanics of using them.

"Well, that's a good question," I replied. "A diaphragm is not easy to use; in fact when I first got mine, I had a real hard time installing it. I kept gagging every time I put it back there. But eventually, I got used to it so I could keep it in, although I'll

admit it seemed very unnatural at first."

At this point the line up was silent – and that's when I realized how popular turkey hunting was around here.

My pal then asked how a person knows when it is in correctly.

"Oh that's easy," I chirped. "You'll know you have it in right when you can easily force air over it to make sounds... I remember the first time I actually did it. I was so excited; it sounded so much

better than the noises I was used to making!

"Needless to say, it annoyed my wife," I chuckled.

By this time a small crowd had stopped to listen and the cashier called for the manager.

My friend, who is a shrewd and cautious consumer, however, was not fully convinced. Why are they better than other



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

calls, he asked.

"The best part about them is that they're hands-free," I advised. "Once I have my diaphragm in, I hardly know it's there until I need it."

And do they really work, my buddy asked.

"Look," I said, "nothing works all of the time. I mean in the heat of the moment you could put it in wrong or even swallow it if you're goofing around. But day in and day out, a diaphragm works for me. I proclaimed, not only to him, but to all within earshot.

Still, he was doubtful.

"And just to prove it," I smiled, "I have mine in my shirt pocket and I'm about to install it and show you how great it sounds when I yelp."

Between you and me, I figure that the produce manager is an anti-hunter. Why else would he kick me out of the store?

I can be reached at

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com.

Drop a note if the mood strikes.

A jail on Jehoshaphat Hill

"HERE'S ANOTHER WAY we're behind the Americans," says the stranger, and the waitress Gretchen can see a red flush climb the back of Old Delahanty's neck.

Gretchen figures Fixx brought along his friend from the C.D. Why Institute just to irritate Old Delahanty. The Institute pays the visitor considerable sums of money for research that confirms that the rich are deserving.

The stranger is staying at Fixx's cottage on Horned Grebe Lake and now the two of them are sharing a platter of gooseberry scones and a pitcher of pomegranate cordial with Delahanty at the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms.

"It will take us years to catch up," says the visitor. "Look at this newspaper clipping. One in a hundred American adults is in jail. Canada's figure is only one in eight hundred."

"Why would we want to catch up?" asks Delahanty and The Brown Dog Jiggs, hearing the irritation in his voice, leaves the warmth of the tearoom's unlit fireplace to offer his assistance.

"Because locking up the lowlifes makes the streets safe for hard-working bond

dealers," says the stranger. "It takes young black men out of the malls and puts them in jail, where they belong."

The red line has risen to Delahanty's ears and taken over his whole face.

"How does that work exactly? Doesn't the United States have a lot more crime than we do? Are the streets safe in Detroit?"

"Well, no, but we're working on it," says the stranger. "All we need is more policemen and more jails."

Fixx jumps in. "The way the U.S. economy is going, crime might be the only growth industry. Make everybody who is not a CEO either a cop or a convict and you solve the unemployment problem right there."

Gretchen arrives with another pitcher of cordial. "And if you happen to run short of convicts, you can always lock up a CEO or two."

"Harper's catching on," says Delahanty. "He's found money for a thousand more Mounties, because they make people out West feel so safe."

"Imagine if we had one in a hundred adults locked up here," says the visitor.

"You'd have a hundred people from this county in jail. Why, you'd be able to build a jail of your own."

"It would be a source of pride for your town and it would mean more jobs. You could contract them out."

Fixx gives Delahanty a little jab. "We could put it up on Jehoshaphat Hill, out behind Mort Gundy's woodshed."

"Rich Americans like jails so much they build them for themselves. Throw up a wall around the neighbourhood, put up a gate, keep out the riffraff."

"Maybe poor people should put padlocks on those gates," says Delahanty. "Lock them in when they're trying to lock us out."

Delahanty has been reading the visitor's clipping. "One in nine young black men in jail. What kind of country can't see that there's something wrong with that?"

"Well, if you have no hope, crime might seem like the only way out," says Fixx.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

"There's a study by the Brookings Institute in Washington.

"Now, I don't understand how they figure these things out, but if you're an American, they say it takes six generations to lose the effect of your family's wealth or poverty. In Canada, it takes three generations."

Delahanty brightens. "And our advantage is all because of the Great Satan, Mulroney. When he was Prime Minister, he changed things to take more money from the rich and give it to the poor."

"He ran up a huge deficit but the economy boomed. And the poor had hope."

"Harper's fixing that," Fixx says. "What with RRSPs and interest-free savings accounts, the graduated income tax is only a theory. Count RRSP contributions as income and figure out what the real tax rate is for the middle class."

The visitor sighs. "RRSPs and interest-free savings accounts are for everybody. The poor can put money there, too."

"Except we don't have any," says Gretchen.

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Lakefront residents fear waterway report will be ignored

from page 6

another use for a diminishing supply of water, much of which comes from Haliburton County. We believe there was ample justification for delaying any decision on the application until the panel's findings were presented to you.

Mr. Minister, 40,000 lakefront property owners are fearful that their efforts and those of the panel will be disregarded when important decisions are made in Ottawa about the future of the entire Waterway. We base these feelings on the seeming haste to grant the licence to the

Trent Rapids Power Corporation. May we call upon you to provide us with assurances that this is not the case and that transparency will prevail in the process henceforth.

In closing, we anxiously await the release of the results of the study done by

the Panel on the Future of the TSW and of your timely response to it.

Yours truly,
Bonnie Fleischaker, Chair
Coalition for Equitable Water Flow –
Haliburton Sector, TSW

Minden Times, Fall Tour come first in Ontario

from page 1

thank former reporters Jessica Young and Laura Hendrick for their many contributions to the *Times*' success."

The *Times*' sister paper, the *Haliburton County Echo*, came second in Ontario amongst papers with a circulation between 3,500 and 6,500.

Columnist Steve Galea, who writes for both the *Times* and the *Echo* from his home atop Vinegar Hill, has one more award to add to his OCNA collection. He was once again chosen as the best humour columnist in Ontario.

"Steve's columns are of uniformly high quality," the judge said. "He demonstrates the effortless comedic timing characteristic of first-rate humorists, together with the ability to generate column material from seemingly mundane subjects. An all-around terrific showing."

Fall Tour, which is a supplement in both the *Times* and the *Echo*, came first in the Best Special Section category for all newspapers with a circulation less than 10,000.

The judge said the *Fall Tour* "was lovely to behold. As much care and consideration were given to content and design as to the section's appeal to advertisers and, as a result, it would appear the reader, the advertiser and the newspaper's bottom line were all well served."

LOOK INSIDE
The Ontario County Library has a display of...
Second man in blast dies
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The Ontario County Library has a display of...

March brings winter's snow tally to 13.3 feet

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

The end of March has come and gone and, after five months of winter, spring should show up soon.

The total snowfall from November 1 to March 31 added up to 13.3 feet and there is still considerable amount around yet. The month was much colder than last March. These colder nights may make the difference in snowfall seem much higher than normal.

There was not much rain until March 31. We had our share the last day. Ray Miller recently wrote in the *Haliburton Echo* about the winter of 1943 winter. Sounds familiar to the winter of 2008. At least we have better equipment now.

Here are some of the highlights:
Average High: 1.3°C, 34.3°F

Average Low: -10.6°C, 13.0°F
Average for the Month: -9.3°C, 15.2°F
Average for last March: -3.5°C, 25.7°F
Highest Temperature, March 3: 10.0°C, 50.0°F
Lowest Temperature, March 10: -27.0°C, 16.6°F
Rain: 67.0 mm, 2.6 in.
Snow: 78.0 cm, 30 in.
Snow on ground March 31: 35 cm, 14 in.
Snow on Ground last March 31: 0
Snowfall November 1 – March 31: 408 cm, 160 in, 13.3 ft
Total Precipitation: 145 mm, 5.7 in
Total Precipitation for last March: 67.2 mm, 2.6 in.
Days mostly Sunny: 14
Days with Rain or Snow: 12

Initiative helps keep lakes healthy

A new initiative by the Lakeland Alliance will help shoreline owners take positive action on their own individual properties that will contribute to the overall health of their lakes.

The Alliance is seeking proposals from lake associations in Haliburton County to participate in a shoreline site advisor program from June to September of 2008. A qualified advisor will

work with lake association representatives towards providing up to 50 on-site consultations to shoreline owners along with conducting a number of educational presentations at lake community events of the successful association. Proposals will be accepted to Monday, April 21. Contact Michael Gibbs at 705-745-3238 or e-mail lakelandalliance@cogeco.net.

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. 08-21 APPLICANT - HILL: Keith and Shirley RZ-08-01

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 08-21 on the 27th day of March, 2008 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, not later than the 28th day of April, 2008, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Note: If the last day of appeal falls on a holiday, appeals may be filed on the day following that is not a holiday.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category on approximately 18.225 hectares (45 acres) of land, located in the geographic Township of Minden, at Part of Lots 20 and 21, Concession 2, from Rural (RU) and Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone to Rural Exception 16 (RU*16) and Rural Exception 17 (RU*17 and Open Space Exception 6 (OS-6) Zone.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is a condition of consent and is required to permit the lot frontage on the RU*16 zone at 38.5 metres (126 feet approx) and allow uses that are standard in a residential zone together with related accessory uses. Also the setback from Lake Kashagawigamog in both exception zones shall be 150 metres. The Open Space Zone shall be maintained in a natural state of vegetation.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at Minden Hills' Building and Planning Office during regular office hours.

Ms. Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM
Planning Administrator
April 9, 2008

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on April 24, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. 07-18
Applicant - Philip and Terrie WHITE

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 2, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8753, registered March 17, 2008.

- File No. 07-23
Applicant - John GRANT

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, 2 and 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8749, registered March 6, 2008.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 9th day of April, 2008.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, Planning Administrator

The Township of Minden Hills would like to give a warm welcome to Daniella Pagliaro as our new Cultural Centre Director, and to thank Dianne Graham for the many years of dedication she has given to the residents of Minden Hills. We wish Dianne all the very best in her future endeavors.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 10 Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers 9 AM
April 22 Official Grand Opening R.D. Lawrence Place
April 24 Council, Council Chambers 9 AM
July 4 Every Yard Counts - nomination deadline
All applications must be received on or before 4:00 on Friday, April 11th, 2008

BUNGALOW FOR RENT - Prince St, Minden

Small one bedroom home, 725 square feet approximately, in heart of Minden Village, very clean, fenced yard, electric heat, kitchen and 4 pc bath, small storage shed, no basement, single driveway, Close to all amenities, \$700.00 month, plus utilities, content insurance tenant's responsibility; First and last required (the lease will be on a year-to-year basis). Rental may commence on May 1st, 2008.

References will be required and will be checked.

All interested parties must submit their completed Application (available at the Township office or at www.mindenhills.ca) in a sealed envelope, clearly marked

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Attention: Laura Cunliffe, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk
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June 1, 2008 - All applications received on or after this date will require a declaration to be signed by the HVAC installer stating that the HVAC system has been designed, constructed and installed in conformance with the pertinent standards as shown in Sentence 6.2.1.1.(1) OBC before occupancy will be allowed.

September 1, 2008 - All applications received on or after this date shall have a proper duct layout diagram provided to the Building Department prior to the HVAC inspection and will require the declaration as stated above.

January 1, 2009 - All applications received on or after this date shall be accompanied by Heat Loss/Gain Calculations and Duct Design by a qualified designer as specified by the Ontario Building Code.

For more information contact Ken Jones, Chief Building Official at (705) 286-1260 ext. 209



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NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

Please use caution around local waterways during the next few weeks with fluctuating temperatures and the possibility of sudden melting snow and flooding within the area. Please ensure you are equipped in and around your own homes to accommodate the possibility of quick flooding due to the substantial amount of snowfall we have received this winter and warm temperatures. Extra care may be required to ensure you have the equipment/needs to accommodate any sudden flooding problems in and around your homes. The link below (Environment Canada) is provided for your information with regard to flooding.

<http://ontario.hazards.ca/maps/background/Flood-e.html>
<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/water/p767.html>

NOTICE

Please remember that load restrictions are in effect on Township roads until further notice.

Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent

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A smashing success

Red Hawks badminton teams qualify for Kawartha West

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Superman? No, it's a birdie.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior badminton team smashed many birdies past their opponents on April 2 to qualify for Kawartha West.

It was a very successful day for the Red Hawks as all members of the team made it through to the next round.

In mixed doubles and ladies doubles, the Red Hawks finished one-two with Andrew Flowers and Meghan Bottum taking first place while Shane Dibblee and Kristine Barry finished second. Erin Nicholson and Nikole Watson came first and Katie Kellestine and Kaitlin Cowan came second.

Jake Walker and Mitch Sobil finished in top spot for men's doubles and Curtis Nichol and Nathan Woodcock had a great showing with a third place finish.

In the men's and ladies' singles matches all-round athlete Ashleigh Schollig took first place while Bethany Snelgrove earned fifth. Jessee Tallman finished in second and Brandon Van Nood also took fifth spot.

The junior team will host the same tournament tomorrow at the high school.

ST. THOMAS Tyler Shearer/Megan Gretton

Ladies Doubles

HHSS-A Erin Nicholson/Nikole Watson

HHSS-B Katie Kellestine/Katelin

Cowan

FFSS-B Meg Pearson/Christina Li

ST. THOMAS Jenn Mann/Brenda

Bozac

FFSS-A Natasha Pozega/Sydney

Bennett

IEW-A Rebecca Cameron/Courtney Peters

Men's Doubles

HHSS-A Jake Walker/Mitch Sobil

ST THOMAS-A Ryan Hawkings/Matt

Vandenbure

HHSS-B Curtis Nichol/Nathan

Woodcock

FFSS-B Nathan Willems/Mitch Klatt

FFSS-A Alex Foresheew/Tim Pearson

ST THOMAS-B Jarvis

Fitzgerald/Steven Arrudu

Ladies Singles

HHSS-A Ashleigh Schollig

IEW-A Robin Callaghan

FFSS-A Shyanne Pearn

LCVI-A Sam Anderson

HHSS-B Bethany Snelgrove

FFSS-B Jill Steele

Men's Singles

LCVI-A Matt Walmsley

HHSS-A Jessee Tallman

IEW-A Tyler Gagnon

FFSS-B Kyle Munday

HHSS-B Brandon Van Nood

FFSS-A Derek Coulter



Matt James/TIMES

Ladies doubles partners Nikole Watson, front, and Erin Nicholson go to work in an early round match up on their way to a first place finish.

Results

Mixed Doubles

HHSS-A Megan Bottum/Andrew

Flowers

HHSS-B Kristine Barry/Shane Dibblee

FFSS-B Caleb Jackett/Bissie Harpell

FFSS-A Adam Watson/Kaley Cameron

IEW Joel Baker/Tina Vanderwielen

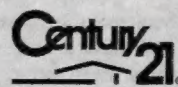
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NEW LISTING



Mitch Sobil squats as teammate Jake Walker unleashes a smash on their way to a first place victory.



Bethany Snelgrove reaches for a bird on her way to a fifth place finish.



Ashleigh Schollig finds the open court in her final match of the day.

CARNARVON LANES

Tuesday night April 1

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson 209
High Single: Ken Thompson 255
High Single w/hdcp: Glen Turner 274

High Triple: Dan Harding 654
High Triple w/hdcp: Dan Harding 735

Women

High Average: Marlene Robinson 191
High Single: Marlene Robinson & Brend Harding 204
High Single w/hdcp: Deborah Rondeau 273
High Triple: Marlene Robinson 565
High Triple w/hdcp: Deborah Rondeau 677

Wednesday afternoon April 2

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson 220
High Single: Marty Shuster 255
High Single w/hdcp: Marty Shuster 303
High triple: Ken Thompson 600

High Triple w/hdcp: Robert Terro 701

Women

High Average: Carol Snow 171
High Single: Carol Snow 223
High Single w/hdcp: Solveg Stout 270
High Triple: Carol Snow 599
High Triple w/hdcp: Solveg Stout 744

Thursday Afternoon April 3

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson 217
High Single: Bob McMath 253
High Single w/hdcp: Bob McMath 299
High Triple: Bob McMath 615
High Triple w/hdcp: Bob McMath 753

Women

High Average: Shirley Webb 175
High Single: Clara Miscio 242
High Single w/hdcp: Clara Miscio 289
High Triple: Clara Miscio 538
High Triple w/hdcp: Pearl Foster 681

MINDEN LANES

Seniors Mixed 636 March 31

Men

High Average: John Ritchie, 184
High Single: John Ritchie, 243
High Triple: John Ritchie, 603
High Single w/hdcp: John Ritchie, 277
High Triple w/hdcp: John Ritchie, 705

Women

High Average: Barb Ballantyne, 165
High Single: Barb Ballantyne, 195
High Triple: Barb Ballantyne, 521
High Single w/hdcp: Ann Oakley, 246
High Triple w/hdcp: Barb Ballantyne, 665

Seniors Mixed 636 March 24

Men

High Average: John Ritchie, 183
High Single: John Ritchie, 224
High Triple: John Ritchie, 549
High Single w/hdcp: John Ritchie, 258
High Triple w/hdcp: John Ritchie, 651

Women

High Average: Barb Ballantyne, 165
High Single: Estella Burch, 182
High Triple: Barb Ballantyne, 445
High Single w/hdcp: Estella Burch, 245
High Triple w/hdcp: Doreen Francis, 617
High Triple w/hdcp: Barb Ballantyne, 665

H.C.D.C. FUNDING PROGRAM RETURNS!

The Haliburton County Development Corporation is pleased to announce the renewal of the Eastern Ontario Development Program.

We are accepting applications for funding from businesses, sole proprietors and organizations for activities that will support local economic development.

Need Assistance with a Community Economic Development Project?

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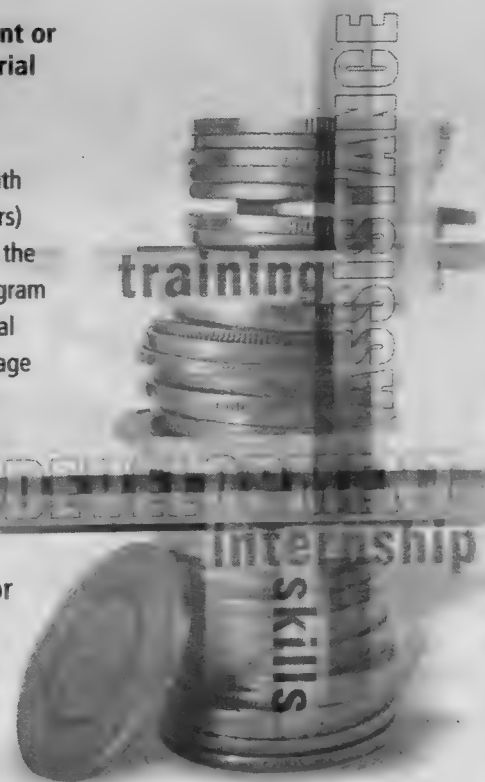


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Possible strike for Parks Canada employees

Trent-Severn Waterway workers have been without a contract since August 2007

by JOHN CHAMBERS
Special to The Times

Workers and management are reportedly returning to the bargaining table in an effort to avoid a strike that could slow one of Kawartha Lakes major summer tourist draws – and keep more water in Haliburton County's reservoir lakes.

Unionized Parks Canada employees and management announced last Wednesday they're going back to the bargaining table May 5. Parks Canada workers, including 170 at the Trent-Severn Waterway, have been without a contract since last August.

The TSW controls water levels in most lakes and rivers in the Highlands as a way of ensuring navigable levels in the canal system to the south.

Wages and job security are the main issues, with one Parks Canada official pegging the wage increase demand as high as 47 per cent. Union officials would not confirm or deny that figure.

The union walked away from the bargaining table Feb. 21, say Parks Canada officials.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin said that while he hasn't been "formally" briefed on the issue, he has heard talk of the difficulties between management and staff in addressing wage issues in Western Canada.

"I have not been formally briefed, but

this week I had heard some talk of this," he said. "We all hope Parks Canada management and the workers and their union are able to reach an agreement; no one wins if there is a strike. We all recall that there was a strike only a couple of years ago and how disruptive it is in our area. Unfortunately even the talk of a strike or the threat of a strike is in itself a dark cloud."

Devolin said he hopes both sides will come to a satisfactory arrangement sooner rather than later. "My preference is that this will be resolved quickly," he said. "Parks Canada is a large organization spread across the country, and one of the challenges I have heard, unofficially, is that wages have gone up in Alberta so much that staff at Parks Canada are asking for significant raises simply to keep up with the cost of living. For any national organization where you have a single wage scale across the country this is problematic when one part of the country has huge pressures on wages – to be competitive you have to pay more."

"It is my understanding through back channels that that is one of the issues that

both sides are having to grapple with – how to find a fair deal that treats people across the country fairly and reasonably, and doesn't drive the labour costs through the roof," Devolin said.

Parks Canada workers are represented by several unions, all bargaining under the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC). All involved unions have the same concerns. Parks Canada workers at the Trent-Severn Waterway are members of the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees, Local 56.

Dominic Vidmar, with the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees, said bargaining is resuming "because Parks Canada said they're ready to address the outstanding issues."

She also said PSAC is filing for conciliation. "We would like to have a third party to come help us come to a fair agreement," she said.

Another issue, raised at an information picket held by Local 56 members at the Trent-Severn Waterway in January, is concern about hiring students in lieu of unionized workers. Michel Boivin, executive

director of Parks Canada, said Tuesday that management wanted to resume negotiations.

"We really feel that a strike is avoidable," he said. "We're trying and willing to do everything that is possible."

He said workers are asking for a 47 per cent increase, but didn't know over how many years that would be spread out.

He said he hasn't been present at the bargaining table but "a lot of (the union's) demands fall outside the norm of industry trends."

He also said Parks Canada has no plans to hire more students than in previous years. In the event of a strike at the Trent-Severn Waterway, "all essential services such as water control operations would still be maintained," he said.

Boivin said there could be some delays for boats similar to the two-month strike in 2004. He said Wednesday he didn't have any specific knowledge about the two sides returning to the table but he knew "negotiators from both parties have been in touch."

"If that is the case, we'd be more than happy to resume negotiations when they're ready," he said.

"It's kind of a new problem and I hope that they come up with some creative ideas around how they are going to deal with that," said Devolin.

"We really feel that a strike is avoidable, we're trying and willing to do everything that is possible."

MICHEL BOIVIN

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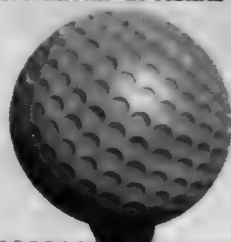
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Bowl for Dawson

by JENN WHITEWAY
Special to The Times

Many of you have somewhere or another heard the name "Dawson Hamilton." You may know the family personally, through the great sport of hockey, or perhaps, sadly, you have heard it because people are talking about the brave eight-year-old still battling the repercussions of two bone marrow transplants, two rounds of chemotherapy or the full body radiation treatments. Dawson Hamilton has battled leukemia not once but twice!

You may have asked yourself at some point, "What can I do to help?"

Well how about taking part in Bowl for Dawson and a silent auction.

On May 3, the Minden Lanes Bowling Alley will open its doors to everyone who wants to help raise money for the Hamilton family.

Simply put a team together (no more than six people per team). Give your team a cool name and come down and participate in a fun community fundraiser!

Also, while the bowling fun continues there will be a silent auction of amazing donated items for you to bid on! Some items already graciously donated are: Leaf tickets (lower bowl seats), Raptors tickets, tickets to the musical productions of "Dirty Dancing" and "Evil Dead!", tickets for this summer's Rush concert and, a great prize for kids, a Wii console. Many local donations have been made from Hawk River Construction, V&S (Minden) and Pharmasave (Minden), to name a few.

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Dawson Hamilton is teaching himself how to play guitar like his hero Johnny Cash while he copes from all the complications of his cancer treatments at the Hospital for Sick Children. His father Scot spends a lot of time with him in Toronto.

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Councillors don't know what happened to wild cats; township staff won't say

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Estimates of how many strays Minden had in February 2007 range from 50 to 26. Today, that number is around eight or 10. There are no figures on how many cats were trapped in that time, but one would guess about 20.

It was February 8, 2007, when chief building official (then Fraser MacDonald) was instructed by council to contract someone "to live trap the wild cats immediately," according to council minutes. There are no recommendations in the minutes about what to do with the cats once they were caught.

Council paid \$3,750 for the service.

The person council contracted asked not to be named in this article and would not say what was done with the cats after he trapped them, only that it is "a bone of contention already."

The issue came up more than a year ago because residents of Anson Street were concerned about the health implications of at least 26 feral cats. Local businesses were also sick of the cats lingering around their dumpsters, peeing on and opening

Greg Hockstra/TIMES



Even after Minden Hills removed dozens of feral cats from Anson Street, a small colony still thrives around the dumpsters of main street businesses. No one wants to say what happened to the other cats; no decision has been made about what to do now.

garbage bags.

Although the population today is way down, Grill on the Gull and Dominion Hotel owner Shawn Chamberlin said there are still many cats in his dumpsters and he doesn't know what to do about them.

Chamberlin even saw people contributing to the problem by dropping off their

domestic cats among the feral colony.

"The crime of it is when you see dads and their little girls saying, 'Bye kitty,'" he said of families leaving their cats behind his restaurant.

Neighbouring restaurant owner Craig Faulkner of the Village Chalet has the same dilemma. "They are either under my deck or under [the Dominion's] deck or Stedman's. One of the cats is pregnant."

Faulkner called the SPCA but was told it is the township's problem. He said that after the township hired the animal control person the population went down, but he hasn't seen the trapper since early winter.

"[We have] six right now but the one's pregnant and they usually have eight or 10 in a litter. I'm trying to get rid of them. ... I'd rather have the SPCA take them to a family," Faulkner said in an interview.

Jones said that his office is focusing on how to deal with the cats that remain, while not disclosing how they were dealt with previously. He said the most important thing is to remove the food source – in this case, the garbage behind Main Street.

"The cats don't come where there isn't any food," he said, adding, "It doesn't help that people feed them."

At the March 13 meeting of council, councillors expressed support for ongoing trapping of the cats (with some concern for the high cost of the service) but Jones said that the trapping has stopped until a better solution can be found. He has been researching ways that other municipalities have dealt with their feral cats. Right now,

Jones said Minden is looking at enforcing property and bylaw standards to limit the food available for strays.

As for town councillors, Rick Ratcliff, Peter Oyler, Bill Obee, deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and reeve Jim McMahon said they did not know what happened to the cats after they were trapped by the township. Councillor Lisa Schell declined to comment and Barbara Reid could not be contacted by press time.

"We just hired [the trapper] to look after a problem and he has that business and I don't know what he does with [the cats]," McMahon said in an interview on Tuesday. McMahon said that Minden is trapping cats now only when there are complaints, but confirmed that Jones is looking into other alternatives.

According to various websites about dealing with cat problems, there are basically methods: trap-and-kill or trap-neuter-return. The Minden Animal Hospital has been attempting to get the town to adopt the second option. Dr. Carol Sanio, the clinic's veterinarian, said she is trying to help the town by offering a program that would neuter and vaccinate all of the stray cats and return them to the colony.

When Sanio's idea was presented to council at its February 14 meeting, Jones said it was cruel to catch and neuter the cats and then return them to a bad situation and council nixed the idea.

Since that time, Sanio said she's been in contact with Jones about the idea but there has been no decision yet.

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Forum pieces together healthy community

The challenges can be overwhelming in battle against poverty

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Making Minden a healthy community is a complex process that can only be achieved one step at a time, the audience was told at the seventh community forum at the United Church.

When you look at the whole picture — all of the things that need fixing in the world — it can be overwhelming, said Fay Martin, co-ordinator of not-for-profit Places for People.

"I've worked all my life in social work and always the problems are so huge that if you think about it, you'll just crawl into bed and stay there. And so early on you learn to do the best you can — that's all you're accountable for," she said.

Based on a framework laid out by Michael Fay called the "social determinants of health" the panel discussed barriers to good health — low income, few social supports, poor education, lack of or poor employment — and some of the ways we can move beyond those problems through community collaboration and well-funded anti-poverty programs.

"You're saying that health is not just about an individual, health is about the people in this room. People in this room are creating health in the community," said Fay, explaining that health is not just the lack of disease, but about quality of life.

"When you start to think this way you start thinking this is something that can be organized, this is something that can be developed, this is something that can be sustained to add to the possibility that all people can survive to achieve health."

Sharyn Bray, an employment counsellor at Employment Assistance Services, spoke about her role consulting people on employment in the area. She said that those looking for work have to "think outside the box" because of the seasonal, low-paying jobs available to unskilled workers. She said that many unemployed people end up with stress-related illnesses like depression and migraines when they try to find work, but are repeatedly denied.

"It is through panels such as this one,

community action groups, and individuals willing to give their time, expertise, and work collaboratively supporting one another that change begins to take place," Bray said. "It is also equally important to know the services and programs that are available to us so we can begin right at home, right now, working toward making change."

Martin echoed the need to take small actions now to create larger change. She said that Places for People Haliburton County is one such step, starting with buying one rundown house, probably in Minden.

"[The program] includes buying a property, renovating it with community input, kind of like Habitat for Humanity with a few changes. Then we rent it at an affordable rate. ... When we say affordable rental, we mean what people would get as their housing allowance if they were on Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program, or if they were working, a third of their net income," she said.

Part of the rent goes to a savings account for the individual, which will then be given back when they move from the unit. There will also be a support structure to help those renting the apartment deal with other issues they may have that keeps them in poverty.

"In order for poor people, people at risk of homelessness, to make a change in their lives, they need to identify and resolve a number of problems. We think that having affordable, stable housing you can count on is a necessary ingredient. If you don't have that, it's going to be practically impossible to get to work on all the other issues that will need to be worked on," she said.

The evening ended with audience questions about the recent provincial budget and how it could affect community health.

"They allotted a two-per-cent increase on social service benefits, which for myself, I'm on ODSP and I know that's only going to amount to about \$14 a month and that \$14 I receive on ODSP will be taken off on my Canada pension ... They also recommended \$1.5 billion for retraining for a long period ... Is

Haliburton going to get a chunk of that money or is it just going to go to Toronto and the bigger counties like Waterloo and Wellington?" one audience member asked.

There were no immediate answers from the panel on the government funding,

though Fay took the opportunity to criticize the budget overall.

"There's very little for people in that budget. There's hardly anything for social housing, there's hardly anything about social assistance, all those core issues that separate our society between the haves and the have-nots are not being solved by the budget," he said.

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A Medieval Feast

Grade 4 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School enjoyed beef stew, chicken legs, cider and trenchers (bread) during a medieval feast last Wednesday. The meal was a fun and interactive way for them to learn about the middle ages, a topic covered in their social studies class. Kyle Grozelle, above wears a hood as the class squire. *Greg Hoekstra photos*



Ariel Weiss, left, and Brittany Hewitt, right, call to their teacher, Mrs. Hagerman, for another glass of frothy ale (also known as root beer).



Joel Fedeski, left, and Jaydon Wood, right, share a laugh while awaiting the next course in their feast.

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Trent students shore up Gull River options

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Minden has a lot of thinking to do on how exactly to deal with the many chronic problems on the Gull River but there are many options too, said Trent University students at the U-Links Celebration of Research on March 29.

In a brief presentation on the status of their various streams of research, seven students who were connected with Minden through U-Links, told a small gathering of concerned residents about what options they have for dealing with erosion, fluctuating water levels, an extension of Riverwalk and geese.

"There are parts of our Gull River bank that are less than stable and there are parts that have been stabilized in the past on the other side that are now not stable anymore. We have fluctuation issues, we have geese issues, we have plants that are perhaps planted there with all great intentions that don't thrive in that kind of environment," said parks co-ordinator Rick Cox.

Most of the presentations were aimed at giving the town options of how to deal with issues rather than give advice. One student, J.C. Drapeau, outlined the ways other communities deal with problem geese, although she admitted that most solutions also have drawbacks.

"There are a lot of options, including adding the eggs, which is playing with the eggs while the geese are sitting on them so the geese don't know they haven't hatched," she said. "But it also can sometimes exacerbate the problem with geese laying more eggs and spreading them around. It's the same thing as relocating them because some of them come back to the area while others don't, so you end up with two populations," she said.

Drapeau outlined other methods of goose control, including increased hunting and harassment and designed a survey to get a sense of what Mindenites might want. The survey can be found online at <http://gull->

rivergeese.blogspot.com.

Kimberley Murch and Justin White presented their research into connecting Riverwalk with the existing trails around the Cultural Centre and arena. Murch and White said the snow made it difficult for them to figure out how to connect the two places.

"First of all, we need an environmental assessment," Murch said. "Before anything is done we need to know not only the water chemistry and soil chemistry, but also the flora and fauna of that area as well."

The two envisioned a floating boardwalk across what they think is a wetland on municipal property between the two walkways.

Laura Harris and Peter Potsma were working on fluctuation on the Gull River, although they said they had a hard time getting all of the information from the various government sources that control the water flow.

Of particular concern to the group are the changes in flow during peak hydro use times over the dam at the head of the river at Minden Lake.

"The goal is to minimize the variability," said Potsma. Audience members expressed concern that there is too little communication between those who control the water levels and those who live with water levels. One suggested that a website be established with current water levels and predicted water levels that anyone could access.

Mike Kosiw and Kennetha Parks gave the group a wide variety of options for shoreline restoration for the Riverwalk project. They outlined "soft" and "hard" engineering methods of limiting erosion on the shoreline. Hard techniques included concrete, stone and rocks. Soft techniques include planting trees on the shore to allow the roots to grasp the soil.

The workshop was held to update residents on the students' work, which is not yet complete. Their research will be used by Cox to make recommendations to council on how to proceed with various parks projects around the river in the coming years.



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Trent students gave interim reports on the Gull River at U-Links's Celebration of Research on March 29.



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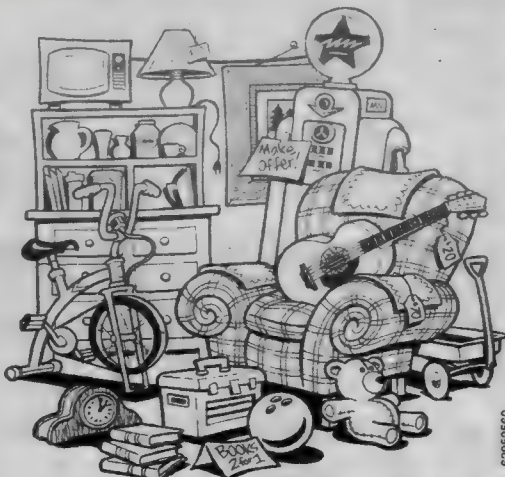
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Recite or sing an old nursery rhyme

MINDEN W.I.

President, Pam Rolfe

The Minden W.I. met at the home of Jean Cox on March 19 with 15 members present.

The roll call was "recite or sing an old nursery rhyme." Several members came with two, to make sure there were no repeats. One member sang a goodnight prayer in Dutch, which we were able to recognize due to the melody.

Del read her current events for the last two months, council happenings, the snow and flooding, with more snow promised before the winter is over.

The members were very generous with their donations to the Minden Food Bank for the Easter hampers, remembering those that are less fortunate for the Easter holiday.

Jean is the convenor for education and

she presented a quiz on Canadian history and was impressed that the members were able to answer the questions. The last one was about Timothy Eaton and she proceeded to give us his life story and that of the store. He was a very thoughtful employer and a generous man. She had the last catalogue that was published and the members had a few chuckles about the fashions contained therein. It is said if you keep your clothes for 25-30 years they will be in fashion again. Jean does a lot of research for her presentations which make them very interesting.

The members were reminded to turn in their volunteer hours for the past year at the April meeting, which will be held at the home of the President, Pam Rolfe, on April 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Grace was sung and a lovely lunch was served by Jean and Elva.

For further information please call Pam at 754-1656 or Mary at 286-1158.

We are once again preparing the information-packed Summer Guide. It's your way to reach the thousands of people who delight in everything the Highlands has to offer.

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- Take your emergency survival kit
- Take a cellular phone if you have one
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KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN A FLOOD BULLETIN, ADVISORY, OR WARNING IS ISSUED

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The potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities.

FLOOD WARNING:

Flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities

When a FLOOD SAFETY BULLETIN Is Issued

Secure your home and review evacuation routes with family

Review family Emergency Plan and Kit

Speak to your children and remind them of the dangers of playing near rivers, streams and other watercourses

When a FLOOD ADVISORY Is Issued Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home.

Fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation order is issued

When a FLOOD WARNING Is Issued Listen to local radio stations for information and advice.

If told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible

PREPARING AN EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT:



Everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for at least 3 days. Your easy-to-carry emergency survival kit (in case you have to evacuate) should include:

Flashlight and batteries
Battery operated/crank radio
Water (4 L per person per day)
Non perishable food
Toilet paper and personal items
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Medication
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Get ready, get set, garage sale!



STANHOPE LIFE

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This Saturday, April 12 don't miss the annual spring garage sale at the Red Umbrella Inn. It starts at 8 a.m. There will be many "must have" items for sale and since it is held in the recreation hall, whatever Mother Nature has in mind will not interfere with their plans for the day.

You can always tell when spring has finally arrived: there are many more cars in the parking lots at our local restaurants; the Pepper Mill, for example, and That Place in Carnarvon. Sunday brunches at the Millpond and the Red Umbrella Inn are especially busy.

The last time we were at the Carnarvon Bowl there were actually unknown people besides the usual Carnarvon crowd.

We are starting to see our out-of-town visitors back; no doubt as fed up with winter as we are.

Next Wednesday, April 16, the much talked-about garlic workshop will take place at the Minden Community Centre, Room 2, starting at 7 p.m. There will be things you can learn, things you can eat, and possibly things that will help you plan your very own garlic patch this year.

The local neighborhood expert, Charlie Robb will be there to instruct and to answer any questions you may have.

Nigel and I will be attending. You will recognize me, I will be the one with the strand of garlic around my neck. Ma's reach extends to Carnarvon! (Only kidding.) Hope to see you there!

Tickets are now on sale for the next concert at The Hair Lounge. Rick Fines will be performing Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Don't be disappointed when tickets sell out (and they will). Visit www.thehairlounge.ca for information. Contact Mark at 705-457-7587 or e-mail him at markchristiano@rogers.com for tickets.

Early notice for the following: The life and times of R.D. Lawrence will be celebrated with a grand opening of the building dedicated to his memory on April 22, Earth Day. It will take place at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden (next to the Cultural Centre) at 2 p.m.

Special guests include Sharon Lawrence and Fleming professor Chris Magwood. They are offering tours, audio-visual presentations, demonstrations and entertainment including a live auction of the first sheet of R.D. Lawrence limited edition postage stamps. This is a milestone event; try to attend.

Saturday, May 3, the Highlands Festival Singers present their special "Remember the Sixties" presentation at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are now available at Pharmasave, Minden, Kitchens Etc., Haliburton and any of the choir members. What's really cool about this event is that choir members will be in '60s attire and would like the audience to dress similarly.

So go into your closets and search for those items you

haven't had the heart to throw out. Everybody has them. Throughout the years you have added accessories to disguise the fact that you are a closet hoarder. Maybe it's the nostalgia thing or the thrifty thing - who knows. I know I have a poodle skirt that I can't throw out. However, will it fit? That's the question. The other question is - was that a sixties item? It was an item I know I bought in the sixties and even wore it!

Lastly, please, please, mark your calendars for the Relay For Life Friday, June 13, 7 p.m. at the Secondary School. This celebration of survival, a tribute to the lives of loved ones and the struggle of cancer patients promises to be a night of fun, friendship and fundraising to beat cancer.

At this event cancer survivors are invited to walk the first lap named the Survivor's Victory Lap to personally acknowledge and celebrate their courage in their struggle with cancer. Their caregivers are also invited to participate.

Wheelchairs, golf carts will be available if anyone needs them.

Survivors may register on-line at www.cancer.ca/relay. After you select your province follow the "Relay For Life" link.

The contacts for caregiver registration or any more information are Kathy McKelvey-Brown 286-6837 or Cathy Arbour 286-3251.

Have a good week!

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A shy deer ventures out of the snowy forest to a reporter's wood pile on Saturday. Can you see her?

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AROUND THE TOWN

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Driving to church along the Galway Road last Sunday morning we were both startled and delighted when a majestic heron suddenly lifted up from a marshy area, darkening our view with its wingspan. Now our own heron-in-residence has returned and follows his daily flight path passing by the living room windows much to the delight of the winter-weary inhabitants. Under the bird feeders an ever expanding variety of customers keep busy cleaning up the spills while the aerial acrobatics of courtship are well underway. Our first robins have not yet arrived here but several neighbours have been more fortunate.

The next meeting of the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association is this Saturday, April 12 at the Galway Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. These meetings are a great opportunity for residents to have access to knowledgeable speakers on a variety of timely issues, to meet the providers of local services and to share concerns and commendations.

From the Kinmount Legion is an invitation to the annual MacMillan Golf Tournament coming up this Saturday, April 12. No ordinary golf game this is a fun event and for the first time open to anyone wishing to play. Be prepared to substitute brooms or old mops for clubs while trying to hit a smurf ball. Also please note that the Sandra Robertson Memorial Dart Tournament has been rescheduled for this Sunday, April 13 with registration at 9:30 a.m. and play starting at 10 a.m. Teams are to be made up of two men and two women and the competition is open to all dart players. For more information on these events or other programs offered at the Legion, call the Branch at 488-3462.

For you avid readers the Friends of the Kinmount Library will hold its regular monthly book sale on Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lower level of the branch. The sale is scheduled for the third Saturday of each month and donations of good used

books, hard and soft cover, are welcomed. When considering books for donation, experience has shown that textbooks, manuals, encyclopedias and magazines are not popular sale items and should be excluded.

For the preschoolers, the popular Thursday morning Story Time continues at 10:30 a.m. Please call librarian Mary Ann at 488-3199 for more information.

At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, in the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre at C.R. 121 & 45 West, the drop-ins on the last Friday morning of each month from 10 a.m. to noon will begin again on Friday, April 25. Come along for coffee, craft ideas and conversation. This is a good opportunity to work on your own project already underway, do some problem solving to get a project back on track and/or exchange ideas about future classes and areas of interest. For more information give me a call at 488-2938. The Marketplace is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

April 1 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Our reporter Pearl Cowen teamed up with Morris Lambert for first place at 351 with Flo Roussel going solo next at 332. Third spot went to George Hamilton on his own at 202 while Ken Boldt and Grace Barrack had the afternoon's low of 134.

April 1 euchre at Lochlin: High scores were recorded by Harold Harvie and Isabelle Saunders with a tie for men's low between Helen Burk and our reporter Barbara Carpenter. Donna Black took ladies' low with Don Hicks winning for lone hands and Don Curry for the special prize.

April 1 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Slams one by Norma Crewson and Diana Spicer and the second by Bruce Armstrong partnered with Reet Murray. At 5420 Reet also led the scoring followed by Ross Fletcher 5330, Willie Cox 5290 and Diana Spicer 4980. The lucky draw winner was Margo Davidson, Rob Eaton received the Shiny Penny and Reet Murray went home with the H.H.T. Award for having completed the Hallowed Hat Trick. Everyone also enjoyed the birthday celebration for June Branning and Harold Cox. Please note that this event will not be held next week for facility upgrades.

April 1 bid euchre at Minden Legion: For the ladies Marcy Morgan was high at 241 then Pat Roussel 232 and Verna McDonald 231. At 253 Tom Grix topped the gents with Albert Foster 244 second and tied for third spot Ida Young and Marcel Roussel at 225. Moonshots landed on Margaret Fletcher, Sharron Atkinson, Mary Lou Kennedy, Isobel Cherwenka, Bev Johnson, Albert Foster and Tom Grix [2] while Georgina Parkes, Isobel Cherwenka, Sharron Atkinson and Mary Lou Kennedy won the draws.

April 2 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots went to Albert Foster, Jean Dutka, Bill Milford, Sandy Bell and Dwaine Lloyd with Jack and Willie Cox each taking two. Willie also led the pinks at 313 with Pearl Cowen 286 second and Sharron Atkinson 248 third. First for the whites was Garth Windsor 305 followed by Leroy Mowat 278 and George Bye 270. Thanks to Gala Stamp for this update.

April 2 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system Reet Murray and Bill Sandford were first at 59% then Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf a close second at 58%. Tied for third spot at 52% were Kathie Porter and Rob Eaton and Bruce Armstrong partnered with Harold Cox.

April 3 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Bev Johnson and Jesse Barlow while our reporter May Bradbury and Bob Pollard recorded the high scores. The evening's lows went to Sharron Atkinson and Carol Derbyshire who also won a draw along with Pat Roussel, Gala Stamp, Sharon Jarvis and Leroy Mowat.

April 4 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South winners were Reet Murray and our reporter Ross Fletcher at 62% with Muriel McIntosh and Stella McMillan next at 49%. Over in East/West top honours went to Jack and Will Cox at 53% with Kathie Porter and Rob Eaton a close second at 52%.

April 4 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Elaine Yeo and Barb Callaghan tied for high hands while Bev Johnson won for lone hands, Albert Foster for low hands and Kevin Maloney for the draw.

April 4 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshot quartet members were Jean Scadden, Cliff Davison, Helen Windsor and Jack Cox. Leading the pinks was Dorene Elstone at 278 then Jean Scadden 271 and Colleen Davison 261. Pat Scadden was first for the white cards at 320 then Norm Mark 290 and Tom Macartney third at 280 while Merv Elstone held the hidden score. A special hello goes out to Mary Pearson from her many friends at Club 35.

April 5 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Emily Harvie, Gala Stamp and Verna McDonald's granddaughter Jayme Bastavache had moonshots with Jayme also leading the pinks at 271. Bev Johnson was next at 265 and Phyllis Windsor third at 256 while June Branning topped the whites at 297 followed by Tom Grix 290 and Kevin Maloney 258 third.

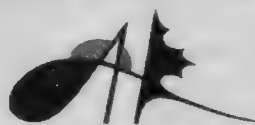
April 7 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Another good crowd out to enjoy cards with Carolyn Smale double lucky winning for both high hands and the special prize. Lone hand honours went to Peter O'Reilly on a four way cut of the cards and Doreen French won for low hands. Thanks to Elaine Yeo for this report.

April 7 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands department it was Lois Adamson and Kay Orr with Karen Chapman and Mabel Deacon taking the high scores. The afternoon's lows were registered by Lorna Hicks and Joyce Ritchie with Ellen Holden having the hidden score. Ellen also won a special prize along with Gala Stamp.

April 7 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Pauline Franzen reports that the top trio in order were Tom Grix, Sam Gaudet and Marcel Roussel with Dorothy McElwain winning the draw and Frank Franzen taking the only moonshot of the afternoon.

April 7 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Kay Morrison with Mary Pearson winning the bologna. For the ladies Barb Robitaille was high and Jean Randell low while Cliff Davison was tops for the gents and Leroy Mowat low.

April 7 cribbage at Minden Legion: Congratulations to Tom Grix who took all seven games for a first place rating with Eileen Shapiera second and Karen Chapman third. The winners of the evening's other prizes were Sandy Bell, Syd Adamson, Tom Macartney and Eileen Shapiera.



Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE Fees and Charges

Pursuant to By-law 07-46

NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider two (2) by-laws at their regular meeting to be held on

Thursday, April 17, 2008
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to increase fees related to the following:

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE

Notice is hereby provided that the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the Township of Algonquin Highlands for May, June, July, August and September 2008 have been changed to one (1) meeting per month to be held on the following dates:

Thursday, May 15, 2008
Thursday, June 19, 2008
Thursday, July 17, 2008
Thursday, August 21, 2008
Thursday, September 18, 2008

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Spring training

In preparation for this summer's horse-pull tournaments, the Wessells take their mighty Clydesdales for a walk along Highway 35 north of Norland.

Minden Legion's all-you-can-eat brunch needs your appetite

The Minden Legion invites everyone to spring into spring with a hearty all-you-can-eat Sunday Brunch, April 13 at the Legion hall.

Brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring a menu of sausages, eggs, corned beef hash, peameal bacon, French toast, assorted pastries and beverages.

Tickets will be on sale at the door: \$10 for adults and kids younger than 10 will be charged \$5. Those wishing to save money but keep their appetite can purchase tickets in advance at the Legion for \$8 until

Friday, April 10.

The general public is urged to bring a hearty appetite, their friends and family to this annual fundraising spring event. Proceeds will be earmarked for the Legion's on going community outreach programs.

The Royal Canadian Legion, a great place to meet and a great place eat, is on Highway 35 just north of County Road 21. More information regarding the brunch may be obtained by calling the Legion at 705-286-4541.



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• **Apr 9** – Free Dental Screenings for children are available by appointment from 10-12 at the Haliburton OEYC. For more information please call 457-2989. This opportunity is in partnership with HKPR Health Unit.

• **Apr 9:** Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group Meeting will take place in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (back door). The doors open at 6pm for business and chat. The speaker at 7pm will be Dr. R.B. (Rae) Fleming, historian, biographer and author. Topic "General Stores of Canada: Merchants and Memories". No charge. Everyone Welcome. Refreshments available. Bring & Win Raffle. For more info contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.

• **Apr 11-12:** The Loope Troupe Production – A Trilogy of Comedies by Pat Wilson. Two nightly shows April 11 - 7:30pm and April 12 - 7:00pm at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. Early show, come before the Harcourt Benefit Dance. Tickets available at Agnew's General Store or at the door. \$8/door.

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• **Apr 16:** Garlic Workshop with MC Robb, Sponsored by the Haliburton County Farmers Association at 7pm sharp at the Minden Community Centre, Room 2. Admission by donation and door prizes are available.

• **Apr 18:** Fun Raiser – Hot Roast Beef on a Bun – Coleslaw and squares. Tea and coffee. \$5.00. Proceeds to Ladies Auxiliary Br. 129 Sports Fund.

• **Apr 19:** Minden OEYC Mega Machines Day – from 10-1pm Dads with preschool children bring you family to the centre for this special event. Check out the construction equipment and model trains on display, build a creation out of wood and enjoy a pizza lunch together. For more information please phone Minden OEYC at 286-1770.

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• **Apr 26:** Kinmount Committee for Planning and Development – will be holding it's Annual Dinner/Auction at the Galway Hall. Tickets are \$25. Dinner starts at 7pm. Exciting prizes to be won include VIA Rail Passes, Tickets to the Stratford Festival, Agawa Canyon Trail Tour passes and much more! Contact Joyce Brown 488-2687 or Diane Austin 488-2635.

• **Apr 26:** Haliburton Highlands Land Trust – Annual General Meeting – at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Learn more about the work the Land Trust is doing to preserve Haliburton County's Natural Heritage. Special Presentation by Paul Heaven. More information at info@haliburtonlandandtrust.ca or 754-2532.

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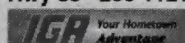
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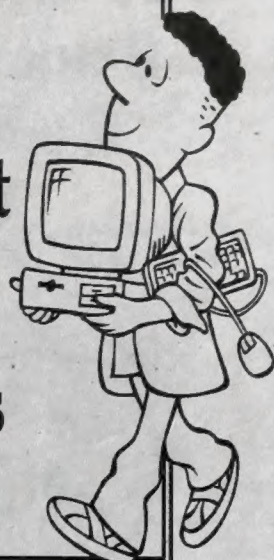


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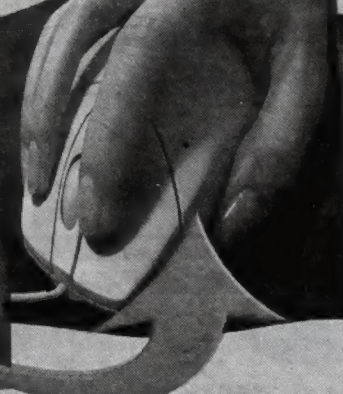
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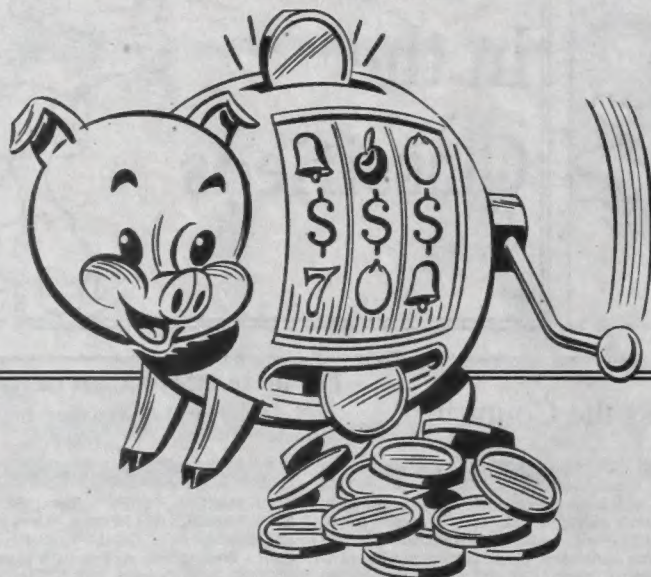
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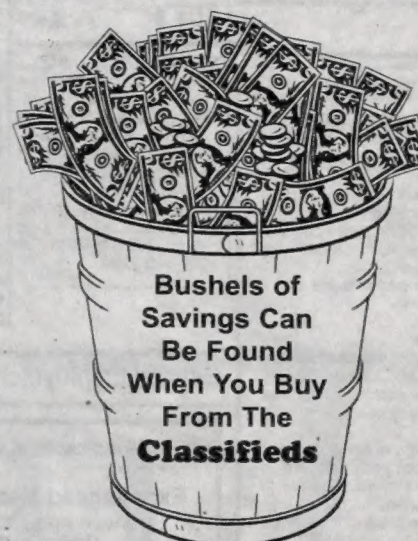
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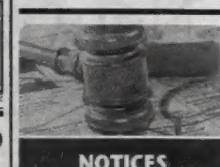
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TENDERS

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS IS AVAILABLE ON THE Board Website www.tlidsb.on.ca

Documents and description of the work for projects may be obtained from the Central Services
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Contact person - Craig Young, P.Eng. Senior Manager of Plant;

TELEPHONE 705-645-8704 Ext. 270
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Proposals and Tenders shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to the attention of:

Craig Young, P.Eng.
Senior Manager
Trillium Lakelands District School Board,
Cedar Lane Central Services Facility,
1281 Cedar Lane
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Tenders close at dates and times as outlined in the Documents

Trillium Lakelands District School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions
at its sole discretion.

R. Johnson
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Director

BETTER TOGETHER

Coming Events

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Benefit Dance

for Carolyn, Jason & Mike Redner
(Who were victims of a house fire)

Date: Saturday, April 12th, 2008

Place: Haliburton Legion

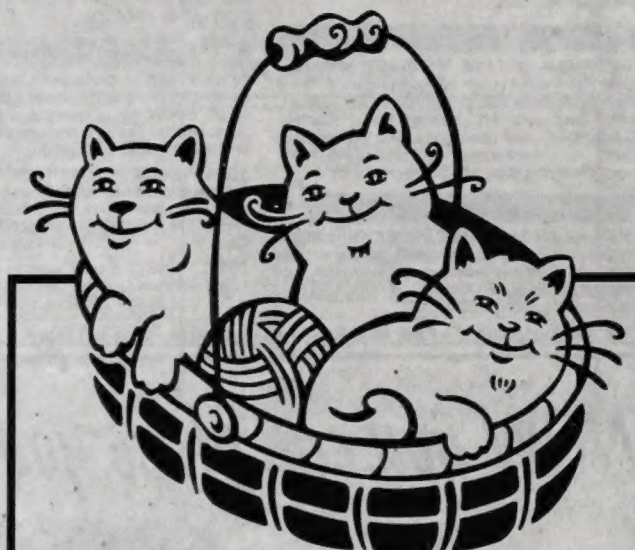
Time: 7:00 pm

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Announcements

Birthday greetings

80th Birthday for Hazel! Open House April 19

Family and Friends are invited to an 80th birthday party for Hazel Austen at Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in the Fireplace Lounge on Saturday April 19th between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.
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- Karen, Donna, Ann, Nancy and families of the late Betty Wise

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In memoriam

DAVIS, Murry - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away April 14, 1996.

*Through tears in our eyes do not glisten,
And our faces are not always sad,
There is never a night or morning,
But we think of the father/grandfather
we had.*

*Not a day do we forget you,
In our hearts you are always here,
For we love you and miss you,
As it ends another year.*

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April 12, 2008

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Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
to
Maria and Lawrence
on April 12th

from Wilfred, Shelley, Ryan and
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Denis Roy Arbour
April 7, 1982 - February 4, 2005

Violet Nelson
April 7, 1910 - July 12, 2005

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A gift from God to us and a birthday gift to nana.
That was the day we first saw you.
That was the day we first touched you.
That was the day we first held you.
That was the day everything changed,
for now we knew what it meant to love completely.

Dearest Mom and Denis

Birthdays have always held such an important place in our family celebrations.
Yours even more so because every year you shared yours with each other.

How I loved to see the sparkle in your eyes as family and friends would gather and you opened your presents,
ate your special supper and blew out the candles on your cake.

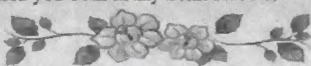
You both were so easy to buy for... you loved everything I picked out. I felt such joy when I was able to
surprise you with something you had been longing for.

As spring breaks for another year and along with it comes your birthdays, there's a warmth in the sun and I'm
reminded of happier times. I walk through the stores and see things that would have been "just perfect" for
you and my eyes fill with tears.

But then, as if you're reaching out to comfort me, I'm reminded of your smile, your laughter and your hugs.
I wipe my tears away and I thank God that I had the two of you in my life.

I knew I was going to miss you, I just never knew how much. I'll hold you both in my heart forever.
All my love on your special day and always.

Your loving daughter Bev and your adoring grandma Gilmour



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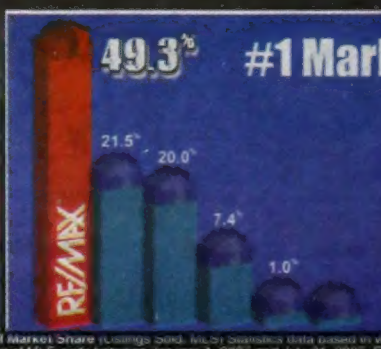
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